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## Davis County Commission Announces Department Merger

(Farmington, Utah) – Davis County Commission today announced the merger of the Davis County Health Department and the Davis County Department of Aging Services into one department. Lewis Garrett, director for the Davis County Health Department, heads the newly restructured department.

“With the recent departure of our Department of Aging Services director, we saw an opportunity to consolidate certain services and internal functions that were shared by two separate departments,” said Commissioner Carol Page, chair of the Davis County Commission. “We studied this possibility during the last month and found it made good sense from both a financial and services-delivery perspective.”

“This merger means approximately a quarter of a million tax dollars within the county will be saved by combining these two departments,” she said.

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According to Garrett, “This combination of health and aging services functions leads us in a new direction. In the past, both departments served our senior community but the services were sometimes fragmented,” he said. “With this integrated approach, we can eliminate duplication and direct more resources towards meeting the service needs of our senior population.”

The newly formed Aging Services Division joins the former health department’s two divisions of Environmental Health Services and Family & Community Health Services. Garrett said the focus of the new division director for Aging Services would be entirely upon providing services for Davis County’s senior population. “Aging Service’s division director will work closely with the other two divisions to create simple access to a variety of services available within the new department,” said Garrett. “We will strive to maintain a high level of service to all our clients.”

The name of the combined department has not been decided as yet.

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